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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest, about steady in the West, and about steady to barely steady in the East. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, best for fast food and where features were active. Offerings were at least adequate; floor stocks were mostly balanced. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Wings were tight, and breast items were mixed but readily available. Dark meat was close to short, except drums which were fully adequate and frequently discounted. Breast items were mixed, but readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to light weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.50 cents last year on August 25, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.00
BREASTS - B/S	149.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50
LEG QUARTERS	46.50
WINGS	85.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Retail demand was slow to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs with some attractive pricing to help move additional product. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Wings were tight and often moving at premium levels. Dark meat was close balanced to short with drums in the longest position, and breast items were mixed, but readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as light and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared. Drums were readily available.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers remained mostly steady. Offerings were moderate to heavy for limited trade interest. Market activity was typical of late summer season, slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in balance on light trade needs. Weights were desirable to at times lighter than desired. Parts trade continued active on thigh meat, moderate to light on the balance of items. Offerings of wings, thigh meat and leg meat were limited; tenders light to moderate; drums and breast cuts adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, thighs, thigh meat and leg meat, mixed on boneless/skinless breasts, and weak on drums.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings of whole body product adequate overall. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate for immediate needs.

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 20, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 20, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 20, 2005 were 5.81 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 08/20/05	2005	2004
EGGS SET	213,732	212,926
CHICKS PLACED	175,574	176,170

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Oct-05 is estimated at 161.9 million head. This compares to 162.0 million head the previous week and to 164.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.92 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	631	120.00-205.00	125-129	129.41	BREAST - B/S	511	115.00-200.00	-	131.71
TENDERLOINS	207	126.00-195.00	127-131	130.27	TENDERLOINS	380	122.00-198.00	126-131	131.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	137	82.00-94.00	85-87	85.99	BREAST - LINE RUN	112	80.00-91.00	85-87	87.80
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	42.00-47.00	45	44.89	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	654	42.00-46.00	43-45	44.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	682	44.00-48.00	45-47	46.48	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	881	44.00-49.00	45-47	46.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	75.00-86.00	80-83	81.44	WINGS (WHOLE)	276	76.00-87.00	80-83	81.62
WINGS (CUT)	370	95.00-102.00	97-99	97.39	WINGS (CUT)	309	95.00-101.00	97-99	97.83
DRUMSTICKS	78	49.00-71.00	-	52.15	DRUMSTICKS	61	50.00-71.00	-	52.91
THIGHS	58	45.00-71.00	-	50.48	THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

***** F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.50 - 55.00		52.45	48.00-53.00		50.69	51.82

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available for current needs. Wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were well cleared; drums were available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings, thighs and boneless skinless thighs. Breast items were about steady. Drums were barely steady to weak.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 23, 2005

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	132.88	700,600
TENDERLOINS	130-135	132.94	195,732
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	86.45	81,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.36	99,000
LEGS	61-62	60.51	231,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	46.24	348,418
DRUMSTICKS	54-55	58.40	171,990
THIGHS	50-51	60.59	73,720
B/S THIGHS	113-114	108.99	91,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	81.83	232,110
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	26,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	39.33	12,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.68	19,360

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.78	604,800
TENDERLOINS	130-135	128.02	171,580
BREAST - WITH RIBS	79-80	89.23	83,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	79	79.36	99,000
LEGS	61-62	59.88	252,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.77	352,000
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	58.23	106,620
THIGHS	51-52	56.18	47,640
B/S THIGHS	115-116	113.20	107,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	83.56	224,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.58	24,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	40.71	12,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.24	12,720

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
08/24	08/23	08/22	08/19	08/22	08/19	08/17	08/15	
Alabama	3,983	4,017	3,973	4,079	5.19	5.05	3,893	5.22
Arkansas	5,475	5,439	5,162	5,260	5.20	5.12	5,409	5.22
Delmarva	2,269	2,272	2,249	2,195	5.59	5.44	2,243	5.53
KY-LA-TN	2,314	2,330	2,261	2,122	4.95	4.80	2,318	4.91
Mississippi	3,010	2,995	3,105	3,318	5.58	5.45	3,010	5.61
North Car	2,513	2,531	2,455	3,077	6.31	6.09	2,480	6.26
Texas	2,532	2,495	2,542	2,547	5.30	5.21	2,554	5.23
Total	22,096	22,079	21,747	22,598	5.40	5.30	21,907	5.39
Mon-Wed	66,420(A)				65,487(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Aug-05 is estimated to be 33,058,000 head up 0.56 percent from a week ago and up 4.76 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,874,000, last year 31,556,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-112
	DRY PACK	111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93-95
	DRY PACK	95-105
DUCKS		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Aug-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/27/05 (1)	08/20/05
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	169,236 (2)	168,293
Light hens	1,469	1,288
Heavy hens	1,535	1,708
Total	172,240	171,289

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Aug-05 is 165.7 million head compared to 166.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.6 million head or 3.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Sep-05 the estimated available is 163.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 08/22/05	114,980	51,858
AM 08/01/05	118,501	47,724
CHG	-3,521	4,134
PCT CHG	-3	9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/22/05	08/15/05	08/23/04	08/22/05	08/15/05	08/23/04
PACIFIC COAST	5,000	4,904	13,442	4,746	5,261	5,341
LOS ANGELES	156	54	357	2,347	2,660	3,989

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2005

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 08/23/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.45	-	BROILERS ea.	-	1.00	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.15	.90	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	28						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 19, 2005

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	76.84	160.43	109.77	25.33	8.44	73.88
High	90.35	164.65	118.21	29.55	12.67	73.88
Mostly	81.90	164.65	113.99	25.33	8.44	73.88

SAN JUAN

Low	82.33	156.21	109.77	21.11	8.44	71.77
High	89.93	160.43	113.99	25.33	12.67	71.77
Mostly	82.33	160.43	113.99	21.11	8.44	71.77

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	81.90	160.43	109.77	25.33	8.44	73.88
High	94.99	168.87	118.21	29.55	12.67	73.88
Mostly	81.90	164.65	113.99	25.33	8.44	73.88

BECERRA

Low	83.17	160.43	109.77	25.33	12.67	75.99
High	90.77	168.87	118.21	29.55	16.89	75.99
Mostly	83.17	168.87	118.21	25.33	12.67	75.99

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive and was generally noted as typical of mid-week activity. Seller offerings remained fully adequate to ample for prompt delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 68 to 79 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, buyer interest centered on well balanced to tight supplies of legs, bone-in and boneless/skinless and wings. Tenders cleared satisfactorily Other items were generally noted as at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE 63-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

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